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THRC Provides Training at 2012 Governor's Housing Summit

Training on identifying and combating fair lending abuse and mortgage fraud starts October 10 during the Governor's Housing Summit in Nashville at the Sheraton Music City Hotel.

The Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC), in partnership with the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), will provide training during the Summit and for a full day afterwards. This timely training on October 10-11 for fair housing professionals, housing counselors and other housing professionals will focus on "identifying and combating fair lending abuse and mortgage fraud." Eight hours of real estate continuing education credits have been approved by the Real Estate Commission's Continuing Education Unit. To receive the credits, participants **must attend** the 90-minute session on October 10 and an all-day session from 9 am – 4 pm on October 11.

These sessions will include learning to develop and investigate mortgage lending claims, how to conduct intake, assess whether discrimination or consumer protection violations are present, assess the suitability of the homeowners' loan, options for referring a complaint, working with FHIP's, FHAP's, HUD-FHEO, and other governmental entities and attorneys, as well as issues involving statutes of limitations. The October 11 session will also teach participants to look at the foreclosure process through a fair lending lens to better assist their communities.

Participants will receive an overview of the historical mortgage marketplace and discuss issues relevant to the current housing market as well as fair lending concerns. Handouts will be provided to those who are registered. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/RPFbmJ> or call 615-741-5825. A lunch break is scheduled.

Information about the Governor's Housing Summit is available at www.thda.org. Summit sessions include presentation of the Qualified Allocation Plan for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, an overview of foreclosure prevention efforts in Tennessee, economic issues facing the housing industry, and a conversation with banks about "What the Funders Need" to aid nonprofits' grant writing. The full agenda is posted.

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